

AMENDMENTS

**In the Specification**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 57, line 16, with the following paragraph:**

More specifically, Figure 37A is an image of the retina at the AAV-VEGF injection site showing extensive BrdU staining. Note that there are many more blood vessels compared to that seen at points distant from the AAV-VEGF injection site in panel B. The lectin staining is fuzzy because the blood vessels are bloated with dividing endothelial cells. Figure 37B is an image of the retina furthest from the AAV-VEGF injection site. This image shows minimal BrdU staining. In contrast, lectin staining is clear and sharply defined. Figure 37C is an image of the choroids at the AAV-VEGF injection site, which also shows extensive BrdU staining. The lectin image is not shown since it binds indiscriminately throughout choroids and sclera. Figure 37D is an image of the choroids furthest from the AAV-VEGF injection site, and shows minimal BrdUY staining.

**Please replace the abstract on page 64 with the following paragraph:**

Gene delivery vectors, such as, for example, recombinant adeno-associated viral vectors, and methods of using such the gene delivery vectors are provided for use in treating or preventing diseases of the eye.